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Charles Spinetta Charles Spinetta Winery 12557 Steiner Road Plymouth, CA 95669

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, CHARLES SPINETTA WINERY, AMADOR COUNTY

Charles Spinetta Winery is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2002-0033. The winery produces approximately 87,000 gallons of winery wastewater annually. The wastewater treatment and disposal system consists of a clarifier, subsurface flow constructed wetland, and a storage tank with effluent discharged to 20 acres of vineyards.

On 11 July 2003, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, "Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors within the Central Valley, Including Wineries. During the hearing concerning adoption of the waiver, the Regional Board granted a specific exception for the use of your constructed wetland under the waiver.

As per your request in a 3 July 2003 letter submitted to the Regional Board, and based on the fact that your wastewater disposal system meets the conditions of the Resolution R5-2003-0106 (including the exception for the use of your constructed wetland), this letter serves as a formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for Charles Spinetta Winery are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. Please be reminded that since the winery crushes more than 80 tons of grapes annually, but produces less than 100,000 gallons of wastewater per year, you must monitor your wastewater flows and report the flows in the annual report. We understand that you will monitor wastewater flows from the pipe that runs from the sump to the settling tank using an inline flow meter. If the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal practices is changed from that described in WDRs Order No R5-2002-0033, then you must submit a new report of waste discharge.

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Please note that the Regional Board will consider rescission of your current WDRs (Order No. R5-2002-0033) at its 4/5 September 2003 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 255-3389.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS Executive Officer

encl: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: Michael Israel, Amador County Environmental Health Department, Jackson

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